

Ben Jonson
(1572-1637)

I sing the birth

Sir Arthur Sullivan
(1842-1900)

Allegro con brio =108

Soprano *f* 1. I sing the birth was born to-night, The Au-thor both of life and light; The an-gels so did

Alto *f* 1. I sing the birth was born to-night, The Au-thor both of life and light; The an-gels so did

Tenor *f* 1. I sing the birth was born to-night, The Au-thor both of life and light; The an-gels so did

Bass *f* 1. I sing the birth was born to-night, The Au-thor both of life and light; The an-gels so did

Organ *f* *Allegro con brio* =108

S sound it. And like the ra-vish'd shep-herds said Who saw the light and

A sound it. And like the ra-vish'd shep-herds said Who saw the light and

T sound it And like the ra-vish'd shep - herds said Who saw the light and

B sound it. And like the ra-vish'd shep-herds said Who saw the light and

S were a-fraid, Yet searched, and true they found it.

A were a-fraid, Yet searched, and true they found it.

T were a-fraid, Yet searched and true they found it.

B were a-fraid, Yet searched, and true they found it.

S *f* 2. The Son of God, th'e - ter - nal King, That did us all sal - va - tion bring, And

A *f* 2. The Son of God, th'e - ter - nal King? That did us all sal - va - tion bring, And

T *f* 2. The Son of God, th'e - ter - nal King, That did us all sal - va - tion bring, And

B *f* 2, The Son of God, th'e - ter - nal King, That did us all sal - va - tion bring, And

S freed the soul from dan - ger. He, whom the whole world could not take, The

A freed the soul from dan - ger. He, whom the whole world could not take, The

T freed the soul from dan - ger. He, whom the whole world could not take, The

B freed the soul from dan - ger. He, whom the whole world could not take, The

S ¹⁰ Word which heav'n and earth did make, Was now laid in a man - ger. ¹⁵

A Word which heav'n and earth did make, Was now laid in a man - ger.

T Word which heav'n and earth did make, Was now laid in a man - ger.

B Word which heav'n and earth did make, Was now laid in a man - ger.

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S *p* 3. The Fa-ther's wis-dom will'd it so, The Son's o - be-dience knew no No, Both wills were

A *p* 3. The Fa-ther's wis-dom will'd it so, The Son's o - be-dience knew no No, Both wills were

T *p* 3. The Fa-ther's wis-dom will'd it so, The Son's o - be-dience knew no No, Both wills were

B *p* 3. The Fa-ther's wis-dom will'd it so, The Son's o - be-dience knew no No, Both wills were

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S in one stat - ure: And as that wis-dom had de-creed, The Word was now made flesh in-deed, And

A *sempre p* in one stat - ure: And as that wis-dom had de-creed, The Word was now made flesh in-deed, And

T *sempre p* in one stat - ure: And as that wis-dom had de-creed, The Word was now made flesh in-deed, And

B *sempre p* in one stat - ure: And as that wis-dom had de-creed, The Word was now made flesh in-deed, And

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S took on Him our na - ture, *pp* And took on Him our na - ture.

A took on Him our na - ture, *pp* And took on Him our na - ture.

T took on Him our na - ture, *pp* And took on - Him our na - ture.

B took on Him our na - ture, *pp* And took on Him our na - ture.

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S *f* 4. What com-fort by Him do we win, Who made Him-self the price of sin, To make us heirs of

A *f* 4. What com-fort by Him do we win, Who made Him-self the price of sin, To make us heirs of

T *f* 4. What com-fort by Him do we win, Who made Him-self the price of sin, To make us heirs of

B *f* 4. What com-fort by Him do we win, Who made Him-self the price of sin, To make us heirs of

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S glo-ry? To see this Babe all in - no - cence, A mar - tyr born in

A glo-ry? To see - this Babe all in - no - cence, A mar - tyr born in

T glo-ry? To see this Babe all in - no - cence, A mar - tyr born in

B glo-ry? To see this Babe all in - no - cence, A mar - tyr born in

45 *poco rit.* *a tempo* *rall.*

S our de-fence, *ff* Can *sf* man *sf* for - *sf* get *sf* this *ff* sto - ry?

A our de-fence, *ff* Can *sf* man *sf* for - get this *ff* sto - ry?

T our de-fence, *ff* Can man for-get this sto - ry?

B our de-fence, *ff* Can man for-get this sto - ry?